

Information Disclosure of 9/21/99: Examiner notes that the Information Disclosure Statement of 9/21/1999 was acknowledged by the initialed copy of the PTO 1449 dated 1/17/2001.

Reply Brief of 5/8/2007: The reply brief filed on May 8, 2007 has not been considered because it is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.41. The reply brief contains new evidence on pages 3-4 and 9-57. This evidence was never previously made of record. Accordingly, the reply brief is not considered.

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